

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal projector comprising:

operation means for operating a liquid crystal projector;

means for previously registering a password;

means for entering, in a case where the password is registered, a password when the power to the liquid crystal projector is turned on; ~~and~~

means for comparing the entered password with the registered password and making it possible to operate the liquid crystal projector by the operation means only when both the passwords coincide with each other; and

means for determining a number of times an erroneous password is entered and inhibiting operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation means in response to determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined number of times.

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal projector comprising:

an operation unit for operating a liquid crystal projector;

a circuit for previously registering a password;

a circuit for entering, in a case where the password is registered, a password when the power to the liquid crystal projector is turned on; ~~and~~

a circuit for comparing the entered password with the registered password and making it

possible to operate the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit only when both the passwords coincide with each other; and

a determining circuit to determine a number of times an erroneous password is entered and to inhibit operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit in response to determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined number of times.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A liquid crystal projector system for regulating use of a liquid crystal projector, operated by an external computer connected to the liquid crystal projector by radio or wire and carrying liquid crystal projector controlling software for controlling the liquid crystal projector, a liquid crystal projector comprising:

an external computer for operating the liquid crystal projector, the external computer being connected to the liquid crystal projector by radio or wire and including liquid crystal projector controlling software for controlling the liquid crystal projector;

the liquid crystal projector comprising

operation means for operating the liquid crystal projector;

means for ~~previously~~ registering a password in the liquid crystal projector;

means for determining whether a password is registered in the liquid crystal projector in response to a power supply of the liquid crystal projector being turned on;

means for both ~~inhibiting, in a case where the password is registered in the liquid crystal projector, the operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation means as well as~~

~~and for waiting until a password is sent~~ received from the external computer ~~when the power to the liquid crystal projector is turned on~~ in response to detecting that the password is registered in the liquid crystal projector; and

means for comparing, ~~when~~ in response to receiving the password ~~is sent~~ from the external computer, the ~~sent~~ received password with the registered password and ~~making it possible to operate~~ for allowing operation of the liquid crystal projector by the external computer ~~only when both passwords~~ in response to the means for comparing indicating that both the registered password and the password received from the external computer coincide with each other; and

means for determining a number of times an erroneous password is entered and inhibiting operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation means in response to determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined number of times.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A liquid crystal projector system for regulating use of a liquid crystal projector, ~~operated by an external computer connected to the liquid crystal projector by radio or wire and carrying liquid crystal projector controlling software for controlling the liquid crystal projector,~~ a liquid crystal projector comprising:

an external computer for operating the liquid crystal projector, the external computer being connected to the liquid crystal projector by radio or wire and including liquid crystal projector controlling software for controlling the liquid crystal projector;

the liquid crystal projector comprising:

an operation unit for operating the liquid crystal projector;

a circuit for previously registering a password in the liquid crystal projector;

a determining unit to determine whether a password is registered in the liquid crystal projector in response to a power supply of the liquid crystal projector being turned on;

a circuit for both ~~inhibiting, in a case where the password is registered in the liquid crystal projector, the operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit as well as and for waiting until a password is sent~~ received from the external computer ~~when the power to the liquid crystal projector is turned on~~ in response to detecting that the password is registered in the liquid crystal projector; and

a circuit for comparing, ~~when~~ in response to receiving the password is sent from the external computer, the ~~sent~~ received password with the registered password and ~~making it possible to operate~~ allowing operation of the liquid crystal projector by the external computer ~~only when both the passwords~~ in response to the circuit for comparing indicating that the registered password and the password received from the external computer coincide with each other; and

a determining circuit to determine a number of times an erroneous password is entered and to inhibit operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit in response to determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined number of times.